

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 10 through 15, 25 through 30, 48, and 61 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 16, 46, 53, and 57 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

a generating unit that generates transfer information describing a combination of a plurality of devices on the basis of device information corresponding to each of the plurality of devices, the transfer information including information that indicates each of the plurality of devices is a predetermined device type which ~~device information indicating that the device~~ passively executes data communication with an external device in accordance with an instruction from the external device which can actively start data communication;

an operation unit that accepts a selection of ~~causes a user to select~~ a desired transfer information from the generated transfer information by a user;

a reception unit that, in a case where a first device represented by the selected transfer information is the predetermined device type, actively starts data communication with ~~[[a]] the first device represented by the selected transfer information on the basis of the selected transfer information;~~ to receive image data from the first device; and

a transmission unit that, in a case where a second device represented by the selected transfer information is the predetermined device type, actively starts data communication with ~~[[a]] the second device represented by the selected transfer information on the basis of the selected transfer information~~, to transmit the received image data to the second device.

2. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein said reception unit transmits the selected transfer information to the first device in order to control the first device, and said transmission unit transmits the selected transfer information to the second device in order to control the second device.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein the transfer information contains a protocol used to transfer the data, a data format of the data to be transferred, and an address representing a destination to which the data is to be transferred.

5 - 15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A method for transmitting image data, said method comprising the steps of:

generating transfer information describing a combination of a plurality of devices on the basis of device information corresponding to each of the plurality of devices, the transfer information including information that indicates each of the plurality of devices is a predetermined device type which ~~device information indicating that the device~~ passively executes data communication with an external device in accordance with an instruction from the external device which can actively start data communication;

~~causing~~ accepting a selection by a user ~~to select~~ of a desired transfer information from the generated transfer information; and

in a case where a first device represented by the selected transfer information is the predetermined device type and a second device represented by the selected transfer information is the predetermined device type, actively starting data communication with ~~[[a]] the first device represented by the selected transfer information and [[a]] the second device represented by the selected transfer information on the basis of the selected transfer information,~~ to transmit data, from the first device, to the second device.

17. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 16, wherein
in said transmitting step, the selected transfer information is transmitted to the first device in order to control the first device, and
in said transmitting step, the selected transfer information is transmitted to the second device in order to control the second device.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Original) The method according to claim 16, wherein the transfer information contains a protocol used to transfer the data, a data format of the data to be transferred, and an address representing a destination to which the data is to be transferred.

20 - 45. (Cancelled)

46. (Currently Amended) A computer executable program embodied in a computer readable storage medium, for making a computer execute data transmission, said program comprising the steps of:

generating transfer information describing a combination of a plurality of devices on the basis of device information corresponding to each of the plurality of devices, the transfer information including information that indicates each of the plurality of devices is a predetermined device type which ~~device information that the device~~ passively executes data communication with an external device in accordance with an instruction from the external device which can actively start data communication;

~~causing~~ accepting a selection by a user ~~to select~~ of a desired transfer information from the generated transfer information; and

in a case where a first device represented by the selected transfer information is the predetermined device type and a second device represented by the selected transfer information is the predetermined device type, actively starting data communication with ~~[[a]] the first device represented by the selected transfer information and [[a]] the second device represented by the selected transfer information on the basis of the selected transfer information;~~ to transmit data, from the first device, to the second device.

47 - 52. (Cancelled)

53. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

a generating unit that generates transfer information describing a combination of a plurality of devices on the basis of device information corresponding to each of the plurality of devices, the transfer information including information that indicates each of the plurality of devices is a predetermined device type which ~~device information indicating that the device~~ actively starts data communication with an external device;

an operation unit that ~~causes a user to select a~~ accepts a selection of desired transfer information from the generated transfer information by a user;

a reception unit that, in a case where a first device represented by the selected transfer information is the predetermined device type, passively executes data communication with ~~[[a]] the first device represented by the selected transfer information~~ in accordance with an instruction from the first device, to receive image data from the first device; and

a transmission unit that, in a case where a second device represented by the selected transfer information is the predetermined device type, passively executes data communication with ~~[[a]] the second device represented by the selected transfer information~~ in accordance with an instruction from the second device, to transmit the received image data to the second device.

54. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 53, further comprising an acquisition unit that acquires the selected transfer information in order to receive the image data from the first device and transmit the image data to the second device.

55. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 53, wherein the transfer information contains a protocol used to transfer the data, a data format of the data to be transferred, and an address representing a destination to which the data is to be transferred.

56. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 53, further comprising an identification information reception unit that receives first identification information for identifying the generated transfer information from the first device and receives second identification information for identifying the generated transfer information,

wherein said transmission unit transmits the image data if the second identification information corresponds to the first identification information.

57. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

a generating step of generating transfer information describing a combination of a plurality of devices on the basis of device information corresponding to each of the plurality of devices, the transfer information including information that indicates each of the plurality of devices is a predetermined device type which ~~device information indicating that the device~~ actively starts data communication with an external device;

~~an operation step of causing a user to select a~~ an accepting step of accepting a selection by a user of desired transfer information from the generated transfer information;

a reception step of, in a case where a first device represented by the selected transfer information is the predetermined device type, passively executing data communication with ~~[[a]]~~ the first device ~~represented by the selected transfer information~~ in accordance with an instruction from the first device, to receive image data from the first device; and

a transmission step of, in a case where a second device represented by the selected transfer information is the predetermined device type, passively executing data communication with ~~[[a]]~~ the second device ~~represented by the selected transfer information~~ in accordance with an instruction from the second device, to transmit the received image data to the second device.

58. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 57, further comprising an acquisition step of acquiring the selected transfer information in order to receive the image data from the first device and transmit the image data to the second device.

59. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 57, wherein the transfer information contains a protocol used to transfer the data, a data format of the data to be transferred, and an address representing a destination to which the data is to be transferred.

60. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 57, further comprising an identification information reception step of receiving first identification information for identifying the generated transfer information from the first device and receiving second identification information for identifying the generated transfer information,

wherein, in said transmission step, the image data is transmitted if the second identification information corresponds to the first identification information.

61. (Cancelled)